

# Kidnaper Confesses Slaying Girl of 10 Six Years Ago

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NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—(AP)—The grave of Grace Budd disgorged evidence to clinch solution today of the kidnaping and killing of the child and incrimination of Albert H. Fish.

Fish, after mocking her family by mail since the crime was committed six years ago, was captured finally through the letters which he himself sent, confessed and led officers to the little girl's timberland grave.

Butchered by a meat cleaver, the body was found in three parts, the skull buried in the woods near a ramshackle house in East Irvington, the other bones by a road.

"The blood lust seized me," the wizened 65-year-old house painter said. "But I'm glad it's over now. Helping the police find the body somehow makes me feel better."

## STORY SHOCKS FAMILY

To the family which had never known what had befallen their child, then 10 years old, since she walked hand-in-hand with a stranger into one of America's most mystifying kidnapings, the swift solution came as a shock.

The father, Albert Budd, and a brother of the girl, Edward—who originally had been marked for the murder—confronted Fish and identified him as the man who dis-

appeared with Grace. He was charged with homicide and kidnaping.

Police pounced upon Fish in a mid-town postoffice substation yesterday while he waited for a remittance from a son in a CCC camp.

## LETTER TRAPS SLAYER

The last of a series of cruel letters to the Budd family had been received only a few days ago, written on the stationery of an employment agency; and tracing it back, police trapped Fish.

Fish's confession said he called at the home of the Budds, whose son Edward had advertised for a farm job. Fish represented himself as one Frank Howard, a farmer. He intended to take the 18-year-old boy with him and kill him, but upon meeting Grace, marked her instead for the massacre.

He returned a few days later—June 3, 1928—and lured Grace away. Fish took her by train to the Westchester hideaway. Police said Fish was the father of six children.

Police said today that only a chance find of an intended victim saved the lives of two boys a week prior to the disappearance of the Budd girl. Detective King said that Fish took two boys to his home, but when one of them, playing about the flat, came upon the "butcher" instruments secreted in a mattress, the boys became frightened and fled.

# Fish Faces Court In Child Murder

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., March 11  
~~(INS)~~.—Trial of Albert H. Fish, 65, for  
the murder of 10-year-old Grace  
Budd, began here today. The little  
defendant trembled violently as he  
was half-carried into the courtroom  
by two deputies.

The man who lured the little Budd  
girl from her home to a deserted  
country mansion and hacked her to  
pieces was still weak from an at-  
tempt to stab himself to death in a  
jail cell with a soup bone.

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# Slayer Wounds Self With Sharp Bone

OSSINING, N. Y., March 29.—(U.P.)

—Albert H. Fish, 65, convicted slayer of Grace Budd, 10, today slashed his abdomen with two pieces of bone, inflicting possibly serious wounds, Sing Sing Prison authorities announced.

The slayer, in the death house awaiting execution, sharpened the bone of pork chops in his teeth, Warren Lewis E. Lawes said. Keeper Daniel Maloney discovered the aged convict mutilating himself.

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# *'Blood Lust' Killer Of Girl Executed*

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OSSENDING, N. Y., Jan. 17.—(AP)—  
The State has exacted the extreme  
penalty for the slaying of 10-year-  
old Grace Budd, described by penol-  
ogists as one of the most revolting  
crimes in New York police annals.

Wizened little Albert H. Fish, 66,  
who said his "lust for blood" led him  
to strangle the girl and dismember  
her body nearly eight years ago, was  
put to death last night in the elec-  
tric chair at Sing Sing Prison.

He followed John Smith, 41, one-  
legged Negro, in a double execution.  
Smith was convicted of killing  
James Wilson in a quarrel in the  
Bronx last July.